



REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of November 28th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>On November 14, 2005, at approximately 2:45 am, officers from the Metropolitan Police Department working overtime at a nightclub called out a shooting in progress in front of the club. The incident, which occurred in NW, Washington, D.C., involved 4 different victims who were all struck by one or more of the multiple bullets fired. Responding officers approached the scene and witnessed a car leaving the area at a very high rate of speed. After following and eventually stopping them, officers found a Glock 23 inside the car. The driver was arrested and identified as Migual Harris. The recovered gun was later matched with ballistic testing as the gun involved in the nightclub shooting. Harris was then brought up on multiple counts of assault with intent to kill by D.C. Superior Court but was erroneously released from the D.C. jail after he was ordered to be held without bond on November 11, 2005. The case was immediately turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. Task Force officers pursued Harris relentlessly for several days and were able to pinpoint his location at a residence in S.E. Washington, D.C. CARFTF officers made entry and captured Harris without incident.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  Migual Harris Wanted for Assault with Intent to Kill </div>
Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>On Tuesday, November 29, 2005, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) arrested Walter Herbert Miller at a motel in Marietta, Georgia. On October 18, 2005, a warrant was issued by the Atlanta Police Department for the arrest of Walter Miller on the charge of possession of child pornography. The Atlanta PD subsequently requested assistance from the SERFTF in locating and arresting Miller. On November 29, 2005, the investigation led SERFTF and TOG investigators to a motel in Marietta, Georgia where they found Miller registered under the alias name, Rock Long. After several attempts to get Miller to open the door and several failed attempts to gain entry with a key, agents breached the door with a ram. Agents then gave commands to Miller to show his hands and go to the ground but Miller did not comply. At this point, SERFTF agents deployed a Taser on the subject and were able to place him into custody. During the investigation, it was also learned that Miller had been molesting his own three daughters for the better part of a decade. Miller has seventeen prior arrests for offenses such as rape, cruelty to children, burglary, assault, fraud, narcotics, and resisting arrest.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  Walter Miller Wanted for Possession of Child Pornography </div>

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On December 1, 2005, members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) arrested Christopher Reed in Lauderdale County, Tennessee. Reed, a member of the "Gangster Disciples" street gang, was wanted for two murders. The first being the 1996 murder of a young female in Decatur, Illinois. Reed was allegedly part of a group that attempted a car jacking in which they approached a vehicle and fired shots into the car, killing a female. Reed is accused of firing 29 shots into the car with a mini-14 .223 caliber assault rifle. Reed's accomplice, a juvenile, also fired shots into the car from a .38 caliber handgun. The juvenile was arrested and convicted. Reed was not identified as the other shooter until November 2005, when he was charged with the above murder. On March 10, 1997, just months after the first murder, Reed shot a juvenile in the back five times on the front porch of the juvenile's residence and left him for dead. The juvenile survived but is paralyzed for life. Reed was convicted and sentenced to 12 years in prison but was released from prison in March 2005. In the early morning hours of August 8, 2005, Reed was at a local bar in Decatur, along with several other people, when an altercation began between rival gangs. Reed allegedly pulled a gun and shot a rival gang member 14 times, killing him. An arrest warrant charging Reed with the murder was issued on September 7, 2005. The case was immediately given to the GLRFTF. In late November, after dozens of interviews and hundreds of hours of surveillance in the Decatur area, the Task Force developed information that Reed was in the Ripley, Tennessee area. On November 29, 2005, the GLRFTF sent 3 investigators from the Central District of Illinois to Ripley and were joined by Deputy U.S. Marshals from Memphis, Tennessee. Surveillance was established on several targeted locations and interviews were conducted. On December 1, 2005, the GLRFTF developed information that Reed would be in a vehicle at a particular time north of Ripley. At approximately 5:30 pm the same day, Deputy U.S. Marshals and GLRFTF Special Deputy U.S. Marshals identified Reed as the passenger in a vehicle on Hwy 51, approximately 5 miles north of Ripley in Lauderdale County. A vehicle stop was conducted and Reed was taken into custody without further incident. According to documentation in his pocket, Reed was using an alias and in fact had a traffic ticket in his pocket indicating he had been stopped and given the ticket in Tennessee just weeks ago. Reed apparently gave the officer the alias name and was cited and released. The GLRFTF was assisted in the case by Deputy U.S. Marshals from the Western District of Tennessee and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group.

Gangster Disciples gang member



Christopher Reed

Wanted for Murder

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 3, 2005, James Perry allegedly used a baseball bat to severely beat his live-in girlfriend about the head and body. The victim sustained life threatening injuries and remains hospitalized in critical condition as a result of the extensive head trauma received from the attack. The Camden City Police Department issued a warrant for Perry on charges of attempted murder. Investigation by the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) revealed that Perry fled New Jersey and was staying in a homeless shelter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On December 12, 2005, members of the NY/NJ RFTF, along with Deputy U.S. Marshals from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, located and arrested Perry without incident on a street corner in Philadelphia.



James Perry

Wanted for Attempted Murder

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Jaime Zavala Garcia was arrested on November 27, 2005 in Liberal, Kansas by police officers from the Liberal, Kansas Police Department and state troopers from the Kansas State Police, based on information provided by the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and the USMS Technical Operations Group (TOG). Garcia was wanted by the Ontario, California Police Department (OPD) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for the attempted murder of a CHP officer that occurred in Ontario on November 25, 2005. The charges against Garcia allege that, on the afternoon of November 25, 2005, he was driving approximately 100 mph on Interstate 15 and was stopped by CHP Officer Marlin Pressley, a 27-year-old father of two. During the course of the traffic stop, Garcia exited his vehicle and opened fire with a handgun, striking Officer Pressley three times. The officer returned fire but did not hit Garcia. Garcia fled the scene in his vehicle, which was later found at a nearby motel. Officers from surrounding communities swarmed to the scene and the PSWRFTF was contacted for assistance in identifying, locating and apprehending the assailant who, initially, was unknown. PSWRFTF investigators, Deputy Marshals from the Central District of California and Task Force officers from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and the California Dept. of Corrections – Law Enforcement & Investigations Unit teamed up with OPD detectives and CHP officers in conducting interviews, surveillances and search warrants at various locations. The Task Force developed information that Garcia had fled the area and was believed to be in the company of his brother, Antonio Zavala Garcia. Further investigation revealed both subjects were believed to have fled to Liberal, Kansas. PSWRFTF investigators immediately contacted officers from the Liberal PD and provided them with information concerning the case and a possible location. Officers responded and observed a vehicle belonging to Antonio Garcia at the location provided by PSWRFTF. Following a short surveillance, officers observed three Hispanic males leave the residence and get into a vehicle. A felony traffic stop was initiated and Garcia was arrested without incident. His brother was also booked on suspicion of harboring a fugitive.



Jaime Garcia

Wanted for Attempted Murder of a Police Officer